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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 12758

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SUBJ: PRG KYODO INTERVIEW LAMBASTS US AND CALLS FOR GOJ RECOGNITION

REF: TOKYO 12471

SUMMARY: IN KYODO INTERVIEW DURING "NON-POLITICAL" VISIT TO TOKYO, PRG "SVN PEACE DEL" NGUYEN VAN THAN CLAIMED USG WAS BEHIND ANTI-THIEU DEMONSTRATIONS IN SAIGON. THAN SAID US POLICY WAS UNCHANGED WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION "STILL CLINGING TO ILLUSION OF MILITARY VICTORY IN SVN." HE CALLED FOR GOJ RECOGNITION OF PRG. GVN EMBASSY IS PROTESTING TO GOJ, CALLING FOR THAN'S EXPULSION, AND SEEKING US EMBASSY SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN SEPT 30 EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH KYODO, PRG SVN

PEACE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND AMB TO MOSCOW NGUYEN VAN THAN SEEMINGLY VIOLATED PLEDGE MADE TO GOJ NOT TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES DURING CURRENT VISIT. THAN TOLD KYODO USG WAS BEHIND CURRENT ANTI-THIEU DEMONSTRATIONS IN SAIGON AND PREDICTED US MIGHT USE FORCE TO OUST THIEU. THAN SAID USG UNDER PRES FORD WAS UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION, STILL INTERFERED IN INTERNAL SVN AFFAIRS, AND CLINGS TO HOPES FOR MILITARY VICTORY. HE ASSERTED THAT PRG STILL "AIMS AT ESTABLISHMENT OF COALITION GOVERNMENT CAPABLE OF ATTAINING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, PEACE, AND INDEPENDENCE." HE GENEROUSLY CLAIMED PRG WAS "READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANY SAIGON REGIME WHICH SUPPORTS PRG POLICY." FINALLY, HE INSISTED THAT JAPAN SHOULD RECOGNIZE PRG IF GOJ PURSUES "FAIR AND JUST ATTITUDE ON BASIS OF PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT WHICH ADMITS EXISTENCE OF TWO GOVERNMENTS IN SVN." KYODO REPORT WAS CARRIED IN JAPAN TIMES AND TOKYO SHIMBUN.

2. GVN EMBASSY CONSELOR PHAM NGUYEN HUY CALLED ON POLCOUNS OCT 1 TO ENLIST US SUPPORT. GVN IS PROTESTING OCT 1 TO GOJ, URGING THAT THAN AND DANG MING TRIET BE REQUIRED TO DEPART JAPAN SINCE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAPAN-VN FRIENDSHIP ASSN MEETING, FOR WHICH THEY CAME, IS OVER AND SINCE THEY VIOLATED PLEDGE NOT TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. HUY EXPRESSED LITTLE OPTIMISM THAT GOJ WOULD COMPLY.

3. COMMENT: WE TOLD HUY THAT WE PLANNED TO MAKE INQUIRY AT FONOFF OCT 2 ABOUT INCIDENT AND THAT WE WERE REPORTING MATTER TO DEPARTMENT FOR POSSIBLE INSTRUCTIONS. UNLESS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE, WE PLAN TO LIMIT OUR APPROACH TO FONOFF TO INQUIRY. IN MEANTIME, SHOULD THERE BE PRESS INQUIRIES, WE PLAN TO LABEL THAN'S CHARGES ABOUT USG INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI-THIEU ACTIVITIES AS "RIDICULOUS."
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